FILED Clork District Court 1 TIMOTHY H. BELLAS DEC 16 2005 Attorney At Law Bank of Hawaii Bldg. Suite 203 2 For The Northern Mariana Islands P.O. Box 502845 **Saipan, MP 96950** 3 (Deputy Clerk) Tel. (670) 323-2115; Fax 323-2116 4 5 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 6 DISTRICT OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS 7 Case No. 05-0027 8 ROBERT D. BRADSHAW, 9 Plaintiff, EX PARTE MOTION EXTENDING TIME 10 VS. **UNDER LOCAL RULE 7.1.h.3(b) AND** FED. R. CIV. P. 6 (b); APPLICATION FOR 11 COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN INCREASE OF TIME UNDER LOCAL MARIANA ISLANDS, NICOLE C. FORELLI, **RULE 7.1.h.2** 12 WILLIAM C. BUSH, D. DOUGLAS COTTON, L. DAVID SOSEBEE, ANDREW CLAYTON, 13 UNKNOWN AND UNNAMED PERSONS IN THE CNMI OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY 14 GENERAL, TIMOTHY H. BELLAS, PAMELA BROWN, ROBERT BISOM, AND JAY H. 15 SORENSEN, 16 Defendants. 17 18 **CERTIFICATE PURSUANT TO LOCAL RULE 7.1.h.3(b)** 19 As undersigned pro se Defendant, Timothy H. Bellas certifies as follows: 20

The address and phone number of Plaintiff Bradshaw, who is without counsel, as listed

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on his Amended Complaint is:

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P.O. Box 473 1530 Trout Creek Road Calder, Idaho 83808 Telephone: 208-245-1691

Defendant Timothy H. Bellas is not yet represented by counsel.

Defendant Timothy H. Bellas's address and relevant numbers are:

Timothy H. Bellas Attorney At Law Bank of Hawaii Bldg. Suite 203 P.O. Box 502845 Saipan, MP 96950

Tel. (670) 323-2115; Fax 323-2116

FACTS SHOWING EXISTENCE AND NATURE OF THE CLAIMED EMERGENCY OR REASON FOR EX PARTE APPLICATION

Defendant, Timothy H. Bellas requests that this Court extend and enlarge his time to respond to Plaintiff's Amended Complaint. Specifically, Defendant seeks an enlargement up to and including January 31, 2006 to file a dispositive motion or responsive pleading to the Plaintiff's Complaint.

Defendant, has requested representation by the CNMI Government pursuant to the Public Employee Legal Defense and Indemnification Act (7 CMC §2304), however, due to certain conflicts which arise based on representation of a Justice *Pro Tem* by the Office of the CNMI Attorney General, local counsel has not yet been retained. In addition, this Defendant has been served improperly. Therefore, Defendant reserves all defenses which he might address in a dispositive motion under Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b).

Plaintiff Bradshaw's complaint is eighty-one pages long and contains numerous causes of

action under an exhaustive list of federal civil and criminal statutes, including, among others, the Racketeer Influence Corrupt Organizations Act, the Immigration Reform and Control Act and numerous Federal Civil Rights causes of action. Adequately responding to all of Plaintiff Bradshaw's allegations will require a large expenditure of resources and time. Accordingly, Defendant needs additional time to retain local counsel who can properly address Plaintiff's allegations and file a responsive pleading or dispositive motion.

Currently, the deadline for Defendant to respond individually is December 22, 2005.

Considering the time it will take to find local counsel to hire and the time it will take to adequately respond to the Amended Complaint and further considering that this Defendant has previously filed his off island Notice with this Court, indicating that he will be absent from December 19th, 2005 until January 23rd, 2006. Therefore, under all of these circumstances, Defendant believes an extension of time to respond until January 31, 2006 is justified.

PLAINTIFF BRADSHAW WAS NOTIFIED, BUT HAS YET TO BE SERVED WITH THIS MOTION

On December 6, 2005, Supreme Court Law Clerk Deborah Fisher contacted Plaintiff Bradshaw by telephone to obtain a fax number where I could make a request for an extension of time. At 10:45am, Ms. Fisher spoke with Mr. Bradshaw, who informed her that he did not have access to a fax machine. Mr. Bradshaw did agree orally to extend my time to January 31, 2006. Because Mr. Bradshaw resides in Idaho, and considering the time it takes for regular mail to travel to Idaho, it will be difficult to obtain a stipulation memorializing this agreement in a timely manner. Therefore, I have submitted this application so that I am within the federally required due date for papers.

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Based upon the facts set forth herein, Defendant makes this application to increase his time to respond and states: a) no other extensions of time have been sought in this matter by Defendant (the Attorney General has sought and been granted an extension previously, however those Defendants had deadlines ranging from Nov. 22, 2005 through December 7, 2005 unlike Defendant herein whose first deadline is December 21, 2005); b) the reasons for this extension are set forth herein, and c) granting this extension would not affect any scheduled dates of which Defendant is aware.

WHEREFORE, based upon the foregoing, Defendant respectfully requests that this Court grant Defendant's Ex Parte Motion Extending Time and enter an Order extending Defendant's deadline for filing a dispositive motion or responsive pleading to the Plaintiff's Complaint until January 31, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing was served, via U.S. Mail, on

the 16 day of December, 2005, upon the following:

Robert D. Bradshaw Plaintiff, Pro Se P.O. Box 473 1530 W. Trout Creek Road Calder, ID 83808

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Assistant Attorney General
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- 3. I make this ex parte request without waiving my affirmative defense of lack of personal jurisdiction due to improper service in the above-entitled action.
- I have requested representation by the CNMI Government pursuant to the Public 4. Employee Legal Defense and Indemnification Act (7 CMC §2304), however, local counsel has not yet been retained.
- 5. Because of the voluminous nature of Plaintiff Bradshaw's complaint and the sporadic means of service undertaken, I require additional time to file a dispositive motion or responsive pleading to Plaintiff's Complaint.
- Because of pending Supreme Court cases by the CNMI, potential conflicts of interest 6. arise. Therefore, the CNMI Attorney General (AG) will be unable to represent me and the other justices. Thus, local counsel must be retained to represent us.
- At present, no other extensions of time have been requested and no other deadlines 7. were previously set, except for the deadline of December 23, 2005 for Defendants represented by the AG, who received the Amended Complaint far earlier than I.
- Granting this extension request will not have any discernable effect on this proceeding. 8.
- 9. On December 6, 2005 at 10:45am, Supreme Court Law Clerk, Deborah E. Fisher attempted to contact Plaintiff Bradshaw telephonically to obtain his fax number, if one exists, or request his assent to extend Defendant's deadline to respond to Plaintiff's complaint until January 31, 2006. Plaintiff Bradshaw represented that he does not have access to a fax machine, but he did consent to the extension of time until January 31, 2006 orally. (See the Attached Declaration of Ms. Fisher.)
- 10. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my

knowledge and belief and that this Declaration was executed on Saipan, CNMI this <u>/5</u> day of December, 2005.

Timothy H. Bellas, Declaran

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

ROBERT D. BRADSHAW,

Plaintiff,

VS.

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, NICOLE C. FORELLI, WILLIAM C. BUSH, D. DOUGLAS COTTON, L. DAVID SOSEBEE, ANDREW CLAYTON, UNKNOWN AND UNNAMED PERSONS IN THE CNMI OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, TIMOTHY H. BELLAS, PAMELA BROWN, ROBERT BISOM, AND JAY H. SORENSEN,

Defendants.

Case No. 05-0027

DECLARATION OF DEBORAH E. FISHER IN SUPPORT OF EX PARTE MOTION EXTENDING TIME

- I, Deborah E. Fisher, under penalty of perjury, declare as follows:
- 1. I am an individual currently residing on the Island of Saipan and employed as a Law Clerk of the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.
- 2. On December 6, 2005 at 10:45am, I attempted to contact Plaintiff Bradshaw telephonically to obtain his fax number, if one exists, or request his assent to extend Defendant's deadline to respond to Plaintiff's complaint until January 31, 2006. I spoke to Plaintiff Bradshaw who represented that he does not have access to a fax machine, but he did consent to the extension of time to January 31, 2006 orally.

3. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and that this Declaration was executed on Saipan, CNMI this day of December, 2005.

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Deborah E. Fisher, Declaran